

THE DAILY NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1873.

CONGRESS.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate Considered the Bill.—The Soldiers' Homestead Bill.—A Committee Appointed in the House to Wait on Grant and Wileen and Inform Them of Their Election as President and Vice-President.—Bill for the Construction of the Submarine Tunnel.—Mr. Banks' Remarks on the Subject—Debate on the Bill for the Creation of a Board of Commissioners of Commerce.

MENATE.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1873.

Mr. Conkling presented concurrent resolutions of the Senate of New York remonstrating against the reduction of pensions of certain retired army officers.

BOLDERS' HOMESTEAD BILL.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of prominent citizens of New York requesting that the bill be passed, in which the chairman of the Committee on Public Lands (Mr. Pomeroy) whether the bill was likely to be soon reported.

The bill concerning the transportation of merchandise in bond was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Pratt, from Committee on Pensions, reported adversely to granting pensions to soldiers in the cause of the rebellion.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill to appropriate a board of commissioners to determine the compensation for the services of Joaquin and Tucson Valley.

INTERSTATE COM. OF SHIPS.

Mr. St. John, from Committee on Commerce, reported without amendment the bill introduced by Mr. Chandler two days ago to provide for the creation of an interstate commission of ships.

Mr. Corbin, from the same committee, reported adversely to granting pensions to soldiers in the cause of the rebellion.

The bill makes it the duty of the Secretary of State to provide commissioners at such points as the state may designate.

WASHINGTON, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD.

Mr. Corbin, also from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill authorizing the construction of the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, to connect the Western and Eastern railroads.

Mr. Cannon, of Ind., said that the bill was but one man, the secretary, to do any work, and that it was a good bill, but that it was greater than one man could do.

He called for a number of appropriations before a final examination.

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Mr. Vickers, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, without amendment, bill to establish a customhouse and port of entry, vessels for the customs district of Michigan.

Mr. Hitchcock introduced a bill providing the several territories of the Union from giving or loaning money to any foreign country.

Mr. Pratt, from the Committee on Pensions, reported, without amendment, the House bill respecting the payment of pensions to soldiers whose disabilities pensioned for services in the War of 1812, and suspended thereon on account of a bill introduced by Mr. Wadsworth.

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